

**EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 13, "Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

After visiting with staff from the Department of Education, the Board determined that applicants, at some point in time, will not be able to prove their highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. At that point, the only option available to applicants would be testing. The amendment addresses this need to provide a way for all applicants to prove their HQT status.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 9, 2009, as **ARC 8125B**. A public hearing on the amendment was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. No one attended the public hearing, and no written comments were received. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

This amendment will become effective January 20, 2010.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following new subparagraph **13.26(2)"b"(4)**:

(4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Obtaining the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment of the federal highly qualified teacher legislation (June 2006). This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

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